

**MINUTES
TOWN OF FORT MILL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

August 26, 2013

7:00 AM

Present: Councilmen Huntley, Blythe, Spratt, Helms, Adams, Mayor Funderburk, Manager Pieper, Clerk Beachum

Absent: Councilwoman Savage

Guests: Engineering Director Paul Mitchell, Interim Fire Chief Jerry Chapman, Finance Director Chantay Boulter, Public Works Director Davy Broom, John Marks-Fort Mill Times

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7am and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Spratt gave the invocation and Mayor Funderburk welcomed everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article III, Signs; Section 19; Electronic Signs; so as to amend the requirements under which electronic changeable copy signs may be permitted:** Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of an ordinance to adopt the budget for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014:** Councilman Huntley requested the budget pages be numbered to aid in everyone literally being on the same page, and he stated he would like more clarification of the athletic registration fees, process, and reasoning behind the member/non-member pricing. Finance Director Boulter said it is specified in the contract that the Town will honor the differential pricing structure as part of the ten-year deal. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$18,139,207 as first reading, with a second by Councilman Spratt. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.
2. **First Reading of an ordinance to raise revenue by setting the tax millage for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina, for the tax year ending December 31, 2013 and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014:** Councilman Adams made a motion to approve with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.
3. **Awarding of Contract for Sewer Right-of-Way Maintenance:** Public Works Director Davy Broom said there are three rights-of-way that need to be cleared so the Town can perform maintenance on sewer manholes, and that it was an open bid process with a recommendation for Kent Melton who was the lowest bidder at \$9600. Councilman Helms made a motion to award the contract to Kent Melton for \$9600 with a second by Councilman Spratt. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

4. **Consideration of Appointments to the Stormwater Committee:** Engineering Director Paul Mitchell explained there are five volunteer members on the committee and there are three openings, one of which is reserved for a school district/school board representative. Councilman Helms made a motion to approve the new appointments with a second by Councilman Adams. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.
5. **Consideration of approval to proceed with the acquisition of easements for the Southern Bypass Water Line:** Engineering Director Mitchell explained the easements are for phases 1 and 2, including Banks Street to Tom Hall Street; he also stated the Fort Mill School District is donating their property. He said the offers are "full offers" per the terms of the State Revolving Fund. Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Contractual Matter Related to Legal Services:** Councilman Helms made a motion to move into Executive Session with a second by Councilman Blythe. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

OPEN SESSION

Town Council reconvened at 7:34 am with no votes or action taken during the Executive Session.

Mayor Funderburk said SummerFest in York was great. He also commented regarding the possibility of Indian Land, or at least the "Panhandle" portion being incorporated as part of the town.

Councilman Adams announced he has a new grandson.

Councilman Helms announced he has a new great-grandson.

There being no further business, Councilman Spratt made a motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:39am.

Respectfully submitted,

April Beachum
Town Clerk

Dennis Pieper
Town Manager